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GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF NEW AUDIOTAPE IN SPANISH SERIES
Will Help To Educate Spanish-Speaking Residents About State's Legal System

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley announced today the release of the ninth installment of Spanish-language audiotapes available free to the public. The new tape, which focuses on the state's legal system, is a collaborative effort between the N.C. Office of Hispanic/Latino Affairs and BB&T in conjunction with the North Carolina Bar Association.

"This tape will bridge the language barrier and provide Spanish-speaking residents with information on how the state's legal system works" Easley said. "A better understanding will allow them to participate more fully in the communities in which they work and live."

The new tape follows fictional characters discussing issues such as using a court interpreter, when to hire an attorney, worker's compensation and the difference between civil and criminal cases. The main character in the series, "BiBi," is a longtime U.S. resident who helps her friends, who are recent immigrants.

Axel Lluch, director of the Office of Hispanic/Latino Affairs, said the new installment focuses on issues identified as the most important by the new immigrant population and the Bar Association. "We are pleased that the BiBi series is keeping pace with situations that are critically important to our Spanish-speaking residents as they embrace American culture," he said.

Previous tapes in the series have addressed learning to build successful businesses, parental involvement in children's education, emergency preparedness, renting and buying a home, communicating in English, health care, banking and workplace behavior.

The free audiotapes are available at BB&T Branches and the N.C. Office of Hispanic/Latino Affairs.

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